Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 06 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 07 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 05 Mar 2021 at 14:08 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Saturday. Moderate on Sunday to Tuesday, with uncertainty in timing and extent of rain, and strength of winds on Tuesday. Low for Wednesday.

Headline for Saturday 06 Mar 2021: Dry and bright. A chilly start, cloud increasing in the afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 06 Mar 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Dull	Dull
Precipitation probability							
<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	20%	20%

Forecast for Saturday 06 Mar 2021

Weather: Dry for much of the day. Rather cloudy with the best of any sunny spells across eastern ranges. Cloud thickens across Skye and near the northwest coast in the afternoon with the chance of a few spots of rain and summit snow, these increasing in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% in the morning, 40-60% by mid-afternoon, best chance in the south.

Visibility: Very good with cloud bases expected to be generally above the summits in the morning, some patches down to 600m near the coast in the northwest. Turning poor in the afternoon across the northwest with cloud bases lowering to 500-600m, but likely to remain good south of Skye with cloud bases mostly above the summits here.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	18/22 SW	20/24 SW	19/23 SW	17/22 SW	19/26 SW	20/27 SW	21/28 SW	21/28 SW	20/27 SW
900	16/20 SW	17/21 SW	17/22 SW	17/22 SW	18/24 SW	19/26 SW	20/27 SW	20/27 SW	20/27 SW
600	7/11 SW	8/11 SW	8/13 SW	11/16 SW	13/19 SW	14/21 SW	13/20 SW	13/20 SW	13/20 SW
300	2/12 SW	2/12 SW	2/12 SW	4/15 SW	7/18 SW	8/21 SW	6/19 SW	6/18 SW	6/17 SW
Glen	2/8 S	4/9 W	3/12 SW	4/10 SW	7/15 S	8/17 SW	6/15 SW	6/13 SE	5/13 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-4/-12	-4/-12	-4/-11	-4/-10	-3/-10	-2/-10	-3/-10	-2/-10	-2/-10
900	-4/-10	-4/-10	-3/-10	-3/-9	-2/-9	-1/-8	-2/-9	-2/-9	-2/-9
600	-2/-6	-1/-5	-1/-5	-0/-5	1/-4	1/-4	0/-5	0/-5	0/-5
300	-0/-2	1/-1	1/-1	2/-0	3/0	3/0	2/-0	2/-1	2/-0
Glen	2/1	3/1	4/2	4/2	6/3	6/3	5/3	5/2	5/3
Freezing Level*	200m	300m	400m	500m	600m	700m	600m	600m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Snow fields will be hard and icy. Freezing level generally around 200-300m higher than in the table to the north of Torridon from around midday.

Forecast for Sunday 07 Mar 2021

Weather: Patchy rain and summit snow mostly confined to the northwest coast through the early hours, but spreading inland through the morning with some heavier outbreaks. Further rain across all ranges at times through the afternoon, turning lighter after dusk.

Maximum wind: West or Southwest 15-20 mph, occasionally gusting 25-30 mph in the morning.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Nil from around dawn.

Visibility: Generally poor at height with cloud persistent above around 500m for much of the day, occasionally down to lower levels on the Cuillins and down to Knoydart in the morning.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 Celsius rising to 5 Celsius.
At 800m: Zero Celsius rising to plus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1100-1300m

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